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CIA Hires Many UO Graduates

The Central Intelligence Agency was the largest single recruiter of 1966 University graduates, Eugene Dils, director of the Placement Service, said Friday.

Dils said the CIA hires an estimated 20 or more University students—more than any other single organization in 1966—but he couldn't give exact figures because his office is never really sure when the CIA actually hires a graduate.

"It's kind of cloak and daggerish," he concluded.

"I have never been able to have the recruiter tell me directly they have hired anybody." He said the only clues he received were from the recruiter's

suggestions that the placement service not continue to try to place a particular student.

The first public statement that the CIA employed many University graduates came out during Friday's World Affairs Briefing Center discussion on the National Student Association-CIA controversy. It came from Clarence Thurber, deputy director of the Institute of International Studies.

Dils said that once a student enters the CIA, his office seldom hears from students. "Once they enter those walls they are anonymous."

He said that the CIA recruiter, Tom Culhane, who visits the University twice a year is "probably one of the most thorough recruiters on campus."

Culhane — contacted through the Portland Office of the FBI—said, "We've always considered the UO a good source." He also visits other campuses in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho.

Culhane said he interviews about 70 to 100 students every year in "many fields" including chemistry, math, physics, geology, accounting, economics, public administration, library science, and history.

"A fair proportion" of the interviews are hired, he said. Culhane's last visit to the University was in the first week of February and he will return in the fall.